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ALLARD EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ARMY DELAY AT DEPOT

SAYS HE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR QUICK DECISION

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) expressed great disappointment today over the Army's failure to get a report on alternatives for destruction of chemical munitions at the Pueblo Depot to Congress by September 30.

"I am very disappointed the Army has failed to meet this deadline," Allard said. "The Army's failure to meet this deadline will result in the redoubling of my efforts to get this report concluded and move the process along. The Pueblo community has been in a holding pattern for too long on this issue."

Allard just last week sent a letter to Dr. Theodore Prociv, the Deputy Secretary of the Army for Chemical Demilitarization, asking that the Army present their report to Congress as scheduled by September 30, 1999.

"The city of Pueblo and the surrounding communities have long awaited a decision by the Army in regards to the future of the chemical weapons at the Pueblo Depot," Allard wrote. "The message being sent by the community is the that they want to get this process moving."

Allard said he has been in touch with the Army on getting a new deadline in place for the presentation of the report to Congress.

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